



# Crop Progress and Condition

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**Agricultural News:** Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.8. Weather conditions continue to be showery; precipitation amounts were up from the previous week and temperatures were cooler. Farming activities for the week included making hay and harvesting tobacco, fruit, and corn for silage.

### SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/26/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	1	14	75	10
Subsoil	1	16	76	7

- Represents zero.

### CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 08/26/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	3	7	26	56	8
Cotton	3	4	17	71	5
Hay, Alfalfa	-	7	31	56	6
Hay, Other	3	12	31	46	8
Peanuts	3	6	14	72	5
Soybeans	2	6	22	58	12
Tobacco, Burley	-	20	30	49	1
Tobacco, Fire-cured	-	4	47	39	10
Tobacco, Flue-cured	-	4	23	54	19
Pasture	2	8	26	51	13

-Represents zero.

### CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/26/18

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	45	39	48	-
Peaches harvested	80	72	88	80
Corn dough	93	86	88	87
Corn dented	76	66	73	67
Corn mature	33	16	29	26
Corn harvested for grain	2	-	4	-
Corn for silage harvested	39	22	50	37
Cotton setting bolls	95	90	96	97
Cotton bolls opening	15	7	9	10
Soybeans blooming	92	81	89	84

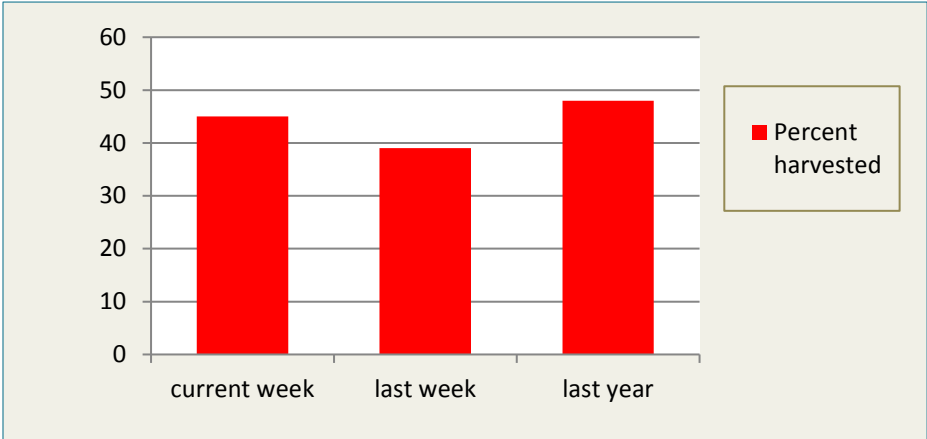
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CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/26/18

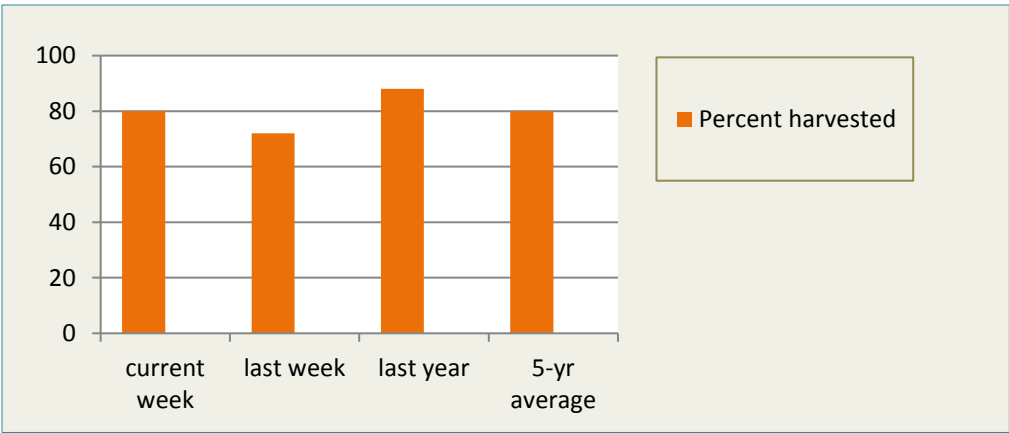
Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Soybeans setting pods	70	55	65	63
Tobacco, Flue-cured harvested	48	39	45	40

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APPLES HARVESTED for week ending 08/26/18



PEACHES HARVESTED for week ending 08/26/18



Weather Summary- For the week ending August 26, 2018

City	Temperature						Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation				
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Aug. 25	Mar. 1 to Aug. 25 norm	Last Week	Since June 1	June 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	81	62	85	53	72	-1	3110	2859	1.03	14.93	4.04	39.78	10.75
Norfolk	86	72	91	66	79	2	3561	3146	2.75	21.57	8.74	41.78	10.37
Richmond	85	67	88	58	76	0	3400	3097	1.49	21.96	10.35	44.07	14.69
Roanoke	81	63	86	54	72	-2	3219	NA	1.73	13.06	2.45	37.29	8.61
Wash/Dulles	81	63	83	54	72	-2	2974	NA	2.77	19.75	9.19	40.80	13.42

\* Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov>. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

**REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY –** Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

NORTHERN

ROCKINGHAM (Doug Horn)

Finally got a break from the rains. Hay making was possible at the end of the week as the soils dried down. Corn silage harvest was initiated on fields that were dry enough.

**LOUDOUN (Jim Hilleary)**

Localized showers continue, some dropping as much as 4" in one event. Conditions have not changed much since last week nor are they expected to change much in the days coming.

**WESTERN**

**ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)**

Rain fell on most of Rockbridge County to start the week. Favorable hay making weather marked the end of the week with a great deal of second and third cutting hay laying in the sun to end the week.

**BATH/HIGHLAND (John Benner)**

Unseasonably cool, but mostly dry the previous week. Corn is nearly ready for chopping. 3rd cutting hay under way in earnest.

**CENTRAL**

**AMELIA (Laura Siegle)**

Conditions have been a bit drier this week. As a whole, the soybean crop is doing well.

**CAROLINE (Mike Broaddus)**

All is well.

**EASTERN**

**KING GEORGE (Mike Broaddus)**

All is well.

**CHARLES CITY (Scott Reiter)**

Main activities for the week have been scouting soybeans for insects and making treatment applications. Rain early in the week pushed field work back to the weekend. Some second cutting hay was made after the rains cleared. Most vegetables have played out with the recent weather and farm stands are somewhat bare.

**SOUTHWESTERN**

**SMYTH (Andy Overbay)**

Torrential rains in some areas of Smyth and surrounding counties have resulted in isolated damage to rural roads and fields. Mud-flows in pastures in some areas are knee deep in places. Continued wet weather has damaged the tobacco crop, but with harvest fast approaching those issues should be contained.

**SCOTT (Scott Jerrell)**

Spotty showers early in the week kept farmers out of the fields until weather fared and hay could be cut. Silage corn is one of the better crops in recent years, with good stalk and ear size. Vegetables are near the end of the season and preparations are being made for strawberry planting.

**SOUTHEASTERN**

**GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)**

A dry 7 day forecast will allow farmers to get back in the fields after heavy passing showers hindered work at the beginning of the week. Cooler temperatures Thursday and Friday were welcomed by many. No unusual situations to report this week.

**CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)**

Dry weather has returned after a rainy period last week. Soybeans are suffering from too much water.

**BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)**

Corn is beginning to dry down. Soybeans are setting pods. Fall hay cuttings are being done. Tobacco is being pulled. Plans are being made for small grain planting, pasture renovation, and cover crops.

**PRINCE GEORGE/SURRY/SUSSEX (Scott Reiter)**

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